

APPEAL

FOR THE

NATIVE RACE, SETTLERS, AND MINERS,

OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE COLUMBIA MISSION FUND was established in 1859, to aid the Church of England in the new Colony of British Columbia, the area of which equals that of France and England, in the maintenance of Clergy, Catechists, and Teachers, amongst the European, Chinese, and Indian population; also in erection of Churches, Schools, Parsonages, and Mission Buildings.

Thus far the work has prospered, and the Church of Christ is being steadily planted in that new land; for in Ten years, *instead of one Clergyman and one Church*, there are 25 Churches and Mission Chapels, 21 Residences, and 11 School Rooms; 10 Missions have been opened to the Indian population, glebes for future endowment have been secured in many parishes, and 15 Clergymen, 13 Catechists and Teachers form (1869) the Ministering and Educational body, through whom, from 35 centres, the work of civilization is proceeding in all parts of the Colony.

The Native Indian race numbers 50,000, of whom about 5,000 are under instruction in four chief centres, including the Chymsean Mission of the C. M. S., hundreds of miles apart. If these centres can be strengthened and extended as openings occur, the whole of this noble race may be rescued, elevated and saved.

The European Colonists are scattered over a vast area of many districts, rural, town, and mining, varying in population from a few hundreds to several thousands, and are doing their utmost, making efforts with much self-denial, to keep amongst them the means of grace.

Columbia having now joined the Dominion, and a railroad through the whole British Territory being one of the conditions, population is likely from this time steadily to increase.

Assistance at this time is earnestly sought in consequence of the following circumstances, viz. :—

A Commercial Crisis, lasting four years, has greatly reduced resources in the Colony, and in spite of all efforts has placed the Mission in difficulty.

Falling off in Subscriptions at home through death of friends expiration of limited time of subscriptions, and other causes.

Reduction in the Grant of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel 30 per cent. has rendered it impossible for the Clergy, already poorly paid, to exist upon the reduced incomes.

Several New Missions of peculiar interest have been recently, and almost of necessity, undertaken: such as the Rev. J. B. Good's removal to the Thompson River Indians, who urgently pressed him to come, and of whom 2,000 have placed themselves under instruction; the new Mission to the Tahk-ah Tribes who inhabit 20 villages along 200 miles of the Pacific Coast; permanent residence of a Missionary at Cariboo, the chief mining district of the Colony, &c.

Urgent Call for extension, especially amongst the Natives of the Fraser and Thompson Rivers, where two additional Missionaries are urgently needed to teach the converts and superintend industrial work; amongst the Haidahs in Queen Charlotte's Islands, and the Quoquoilts, numbering 5,000 each nation, who have asked for teachers and to whom Four Missionaries should go: these are calls which, if unheeded now, must result in ground being lost and openings neglected, never afterwards to be regained.

For an efficient work, seventeen additional Missionaries are needed.

Several vacant posts cannot be filled up without increased means.

There will be absolute necessity for giving up important work which God is blessing, and reducing the number of Clergy, if this Appeal does not succeed.

To the above causes of anxiety may now be added the total destruction of the Cathedral church by fire on the night of the 1st of October 1869.

£3,000 is required in Annual Subscriptions;—and Donations are earnestly sought towards the debt upon the Mission and extension of the work.

Contributions will be thankfully received by—

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